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In re application of: **A. AYALA et al.**

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For: **PORTABLE WORK BENCH**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Cancel Claim 1.

Claim 2, line 1: Delete "1" and substitute therefor -25--.

Claim 3, line 1: Delete "1" and substitute therefor -25--.

Claim 4, line 1: Delete "1" and substitute therefor -25--.

Claim 5, line 1: Delete "1" and substitute therefor -25--.

Claim 5, line 1: Delete "platform" and substitute therefor -first element--.

Claim 6, line 1: Delete "1" and substitute therefor -25--.

Claim 6, line 1: Delete "platform" and substitute therefor -first element--.

Cancel Claims 8-12.

Claim 13, line 1: Delete "1" and substitute therefor -25--.

Claim 14, line 1: Delete “1” and substitute therefor –25--.

Claim 15, line 1: Delete “1” and substitute therefor –25--.

Cancel Claims 16-17.

Claim 18, line 1: Delete “17” and substitute therefor –26--.

Claim 18, line 1: Delete “platform” and substitute therefor –first element--.

Claim 19, line 1: Delete “17” and substitute therefor –26--.

Claim 21, line 1: Delete “17” and substitute therefor –26--.

Claim 21, line 1: Delete “platform” and substitute therefor –first element--.

Claim 22, line 1: Delete “17” and substitute therefor –26--.

Claim 22, line 3: Delete “platform” and substitute therefor –first element--.

Cancel Claim 24.

Add Claims 25-28 as follows:

--25. A portable work bench comprising:

a structural body;

a first element disposed on the structural body;

a locking mechanism disposed on one of the structural body and the first element, the locking mechanism comprising a handle rotatably movable between a first position locking the first element on the structural body and a second position unlocking the platform, wherein the handle is moved less than 360° between the first and second positions.--

--26. The work bench of Claim 25, further comprising a cam connected to the handle.—

--27. The work bench of Claim 26, wherein the cam contacts the other of the structural body and the first element.—

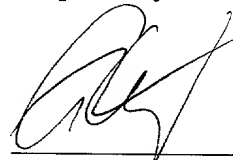
--28. The work bench of Claim 25, wherein the handle is substantially horizontal when in the first position.—

REMARKS

Applicants have amended Claims 2-6, 13-15, 18-19, 21-22 and canceled Claims 1, 8-12, 16-17 and 24. Applicants have added Claims 25-28. Claims 2-7, 13-15, 18-23 and 25-28 are therefore in the application.

In view of the foregoing, all the claims are patentable and the application is believed to be in condition for formal allowance. Allowance of Claims 2-7, 13-15, 18-23 and 25-28 are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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